

## AUSTRIA'S RULER REPORTED DYING

### Death of the Pope Caused Fatal Rellapse, Says London Report

London, August 24.—An exchange telegram from Copenhagen reports from an authoritative source that Emperor Franz-Joseph's condition is much worse and that death is a question of but a few hours. The death of Pope Pius X is believed to have been responsible for the sudden relapse.

Vienna, Aug. 23.—Franz Josef has been called the "Emperor of Sorrows" of Austria because of the long record of tragedies that attended his reign. "The Curse of the Hapsburgs" haunted him in his declining years. Of all the figures in contemporary history, his was at once one of the most magnificent and the most pathetic. With a long and eventful life behind him, a life overcast by disasters that would have unseated a feebler ruler and saddened by sorrows that would have wrecked a weaker man, in the evening of his days he bore the burden of the dual crown unbowed.

His was the proudest house in Europe, and his the most solitary and isolated of all royal lives. There was little comfort for him in his sorrows, but he worked on unrelentingly and died "steadfast" at his post.

There were many who said that the unprecedented list of family disasters that attended his life was due to a curse that hung over the house of Hapsburg, uttered by the aged Countess Carolyn, whose son was put to death for participating in the Hungarian uprising of 1848. She called on Heaven and Hell to blast the happiness of the Emperor, to exterminate his family, to strike him through those he loved, to wreck his life and ruin his children.

Franz Josef was born August 18, 1830. He was the son of the Archduke Francis, son of Francis I, Emperor of Austria. He came to the throne in 1848 as the successor of his uncle, Ferdinand I, who had been forced to abdicate.

The Emperor's first task was to subdue the Hungarian revolt and to effect the pacification of Lombardy. This being accomplished, an era of reaction began. In 1859 Lombardy was ceded to Sardinia and by the war with Prussia in 1866, Austria was altogether excluded from Germany. At the same time she was forced to hand over Venice to the King of Sardinia, who had fought as the ally of Prussia.

After this the Emperor adopted a policy of conciliation toward the nationalities within his dominion. A few years later he became King of Hungary and took the oath on the Hungarian constitution.

It was in 1854 that the Emperor married the Empress, who finally died by the hand of an assassin in Switzerland more than forty years later. She was the Princess Elizabeth of Bavaria. His mother had intended that he should marry the Princess Helena, the oldest daughter of the Bavarian Duke Max, and had fully negotiated the match. Franz Josef acquiesced in his arrangement, and set out for Duke Max' castle to complete the formal betrothal. While he was going through the park on his way to the castle door he saw, wandering among the trees an dshrubbery a little girl in a short dress. The child's extraordinary charm and beauty at once attracted his attention and won his heart. He soon learned that the young girl was the Princess Elizabeth, the younger sister of his intended bride. He at once cancelled the engagement, which his mother had made for him, and swore that he would never marry anybody but the lovely girl he had seen in the park. The plan suited the Duke Max, who promptly gave his consent, and it was not objected to by the Princess Helena, who was not in love with the Emperor and rather welcomed her release.

Storms of protest came from his own family and from the nobility of Europe, who insisted that the Emperor of Austria should not wed the younger daughter of a penniless Duke who was not even by birth a "royal highness." Franz Josef, however, turned a deaf ear to all these objections and married the girl he loved.

PAINTER, AT WORK, ROBBER.

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coat on a nail in one of the rooms, and in the evening, after his day's work was finished, he discovered the theft.

He reported the matter to Officer Jeff Hutson who arrested two negro boys who had been seen around the premises, but failed to locate the stolen money.

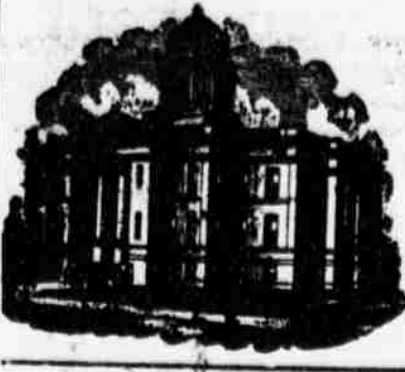
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A few days previous to the Frum robbery, another workman at the same place was relieved of more than \$20 in like manner.

The police are of the opinion that none of the workmen are responsible for these robberies, but that a smart thief is making it his business to go through the clothing when the employees are at work in some distant part of the building.

## Up-to-the-Minute News From the County Seat



Jackson, Aug. 26.—The jury was unable to reach a verdict in the case of the State vs. John Crocker, after deliberating for several hours, and when the court became satisfied that no verdict would be rendered, the jury was discharged and the defendant after giving bond for his appearance at the January term of court, was released.

Crocker was tried on the charge of having committed an assault with intent to kill on the person of George Williams, a negro employee of the Frisco Railway Company.

It was reported that the jury at first stood 8 to 4 in favor of conviction, later changing the vote to 7 to 5, after which they remained firm.

A separate charge against the defendant for carrying concealed weapons was put over for hearing until the January term.

After securing his release, the defendant returned to Pine Bluff, Ark., where he will endeavor to be restored to his position as timekeeper on the Cotton Belt Railroad.

The shooting occurred about two months ago, when for some alleged grievance the defendant Crocker entered a crowded passenger coach just as the train was pulling out of Cape Girardeau, and engaged in a struggle with the complaining witness, during which a shot was fired, the bullet passing through Williams' hand and narrowly missing another passenger, who was sitting across the aisle.

The case was bitterly fought by both sides, and the failure of the jury to reach a verdict did not come as a surprise to those who attended the trial.

The following marriage licenses have been issued: Claude Browning, 22, and Estella M. Roman, 17, both of Commerce.

On Monday, September 7, the school term begins in all the public schools in this city. All the buildings have been repainted and overhauled, and the high school building has been remodeled and improved in many respects.

Attorney James Finch of Fornefeld, and Police Judge J. H. Hale of Chaffee, attended circuit court here this week.

Rev. Ladislaus Desiderius Billnitzer, Lutheran minister of Pocahontas, was granted papers of United States citizenship by the circuit court.

Circuit court proceedings for Monday, August 24.

State vs. Burford Smith and Harold Jones, larceny and robbery. Plea of guilty and fined two years in the Missouri reform school.

State vs. Nace Brassfield, threatening to kill. Nolle prossed.

St. Louis & Southern Ry. Co. vs. Linus Sanford and Henry W. Schrader, damages to right-of-way. Report of commissioners approved, and commissioners allowed \$5 each for their services, cost taxed against the plaintiff.

State vs. C. W. Whittier, larceny. This case had the attention of court and jury the greater part of the day. In it the state claims that Whittier took possession of some hogs that did not belong to him. Late in the afternoon the case was given to the jury, which deliberated until the court permitted them to go home without arriving at a verdict, with instructions to return Tuesday and deliberate further.

A new suit, styled Otto Kockitzky et al. vs. M. L. Haupt, et al, was filed in court recently. The court herein issued a writ of certiorari against the judges of the county court, the county clerk, and W. H. Seehausen, in the matter of the petition and application for a drawn-up license by Seehausen. In their petition for the

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writ the plaintiffs claim that the expiration of the license under which Seehausen was operating a shamship, or an unreasonable length of time before such expiration.

John D. Ford vs. Mary Ford, divorce. Continued.

P. G. Elsom vs. Wiley Wallace, damages. Suit dismissed and new suit filed.

John Riehn, who was by Justice Wilson of Cape Girardeau sentenced to a term of ninety days in the county jail for being drunk and disorderly, was, upon the recommendation of the prosecuting attorney, by the court discharged after serving about sixty days of the term.

The annual home-coming held in Jackson last week, established a new record for big crowds in this pretty country county seat. Former residents of this city, who have strayed to all sections of the Union, came back to meet old friends and to participate in the feast of reason and flow of soul.

There were large crowds every day and especially every evening, but as usual, the final night, was the largest of all. The city was simply jammed, and resembled a small world's fair town.

Automobile parties came from every section of the county and some even from more distant localities. These home-coming events are advertising Jackson all over the country, and the men who have been contributing to make the festivities possible, are receiving much praise. The list of those who donated for the street fair last week are:

Hoffman & Lail, Sam Peterman, A. W. Kuellmer, Conrad Schade, Cape County Milling Company, E. Milde Bottling Works, Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association, Goodwin & Jean, Priest & Behrens Mercantile Co., H. H. Mueller, F. E. Kist & Bro., Clinton Goyert, E. H. Kerstner, Brueening & Kerstner, Dry Goods Co., McAtee Mercantile Co., Wagner Bakery, E. G. Sibley, Cape County Savings Bank, C. W. Hoffmeister, W. A. Sander & Bro., A. F. Williams, A. Tommack, F. A. McGuire, G. B. Miltenberger, Grant & Graef, Wessell's Furniture Store, C. W. Henderson, Jackson Exchange Bank, People's National Bank, J. F. Caldwell, Cotner-Harris Auto Co., Dures Jones, Loves & Saevers, D. L. Burford, Steck & Daley, A. F. Perry, D. Klein, H. L. Obermiller, W. E. Green, J. W. McCombs, J. R. G. J. Rabold, Martin Schloss, Crites & Co., Henry Gockel, R. K. Wilson, John A. Snider, H. A. Uelecke, R. M. Sawyer, C. V. Alsop, J. H. Sander, J. L. Hinkle, Fred Goyert, G. F. Siemers, H. L. Hoffmeister, I. Ben Miller, Hunter Bros., E. D. Hays, Blucher Sperling, A. M. Spradling, Ben H. Schwab, L. C. Hoffmeister, David B. Hays, G. W. Vinyard, John J. McNeely, Loos Bros., Mrs. Mary H. Wood, Mabrey & Cobble, John H. Sachse, Ben E. Masters, Charles Behrens, J. H. Goodin, L. D. Wolford, C. Sievers, F. C. Vasterling, L. C. Scheerer, Charles C. Oliver, J. H. Howard, W. W. Hale, J. W. Miller, A. Godwin, George Doyle, F. H. Schrader, Andrew Caldwell, H. A. Behrens, Sam Vandivort, Leon Vandivort, A. B. Caldwell, F. N. Medley, A. E. Hunze and J. Henry Caruthers.

B. A. Davis of Brownwood is visiting friends and transacting business in this city.

W. L. Martin, a prominent nurseryman of Sikeston, is in this city on a business trip.

J. L. Cook of Advance was a business visitor in the Cape yesterday.

A. O. Cook of New Madrid transacted business in this city yesterday.

Lillian and Marie Doty of St. Louis visited friends in the Cape yesterday.

Mrs. W. C. Lambert of Benton was in the Cape on a shopping trip yesterday.

E. D. Robler of Sikeston was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

Mrs. Pearl Perry of Poplar Bluff is visiting friends in this city.

J. P. Jones of Springfield was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

The conference of the Southeast Missouri District of Lutheran ministers is in session this week at the Lutheran church in this city.

There are 22 ministers who are members of the conference, and 18 of them are present. Those attending follow: Revs. Mueller of Longtown, Borges of Friedheim, Hueschen of Uniontown, Krueger of Frohna, Norden of Point Rest, Lohmann of Egypt Mills, Wilder of Cape Girardeau, Bernthal of Hanover, Hilpert of Illinois, Henning of Zion, Krueger of Gordonville, Rudi of Tilsit, Winkler of New Wells, Zschecho of Shawneetown, Fleiss of Pocahontas, Schoech of Friedensburg and Langehenning of Jackson.

Ten of these ministers occupy pulpits in this county and the others are employed in Perry and Scott counties. Special services were held last night, at which time the ministers partook of the Lord's Supper. The work of the conference will be completed at noon today.

There was a meeting of the Progressive County Central Committee held here last Saturday and several places on the county ticket were filled. There will be another meeting on September 1, at which time the remaining vacancies will be filled.

The candidates already nominated are: For Representative, S. D. Henley; for Recorder, J. W. Daume; for Circuit Clerk, John S. Neumeier; for Judge of County Court, Second District, J. E. Jones.

Charles Vinyard, Will Lovis, John Davis and Otto Davis of Jackson are in the Cape this week engaged in the work of moving a house belonging to Clyde Vandivort from Washington avenue to Middle street.

Frankie Reed, the Jackson pugilist, visited friends in the Cape last evening.

Following are the Circuit Court proceedings for Tuesday, August 25: Moses Whybark, Louis Houck and A. M. Spradling are appointed to draft resolutions of respect upon the death of Hon. W. H. Miller.

T. D. Hines, Wilson Cramer and R. G. Whitelaw are appointed to draft resolutions of respect upon the death of Hon. R. L. Wilson.

State vs. C. W. Whittier, larceny, tried Monday, but the jury failed to arrive at a verdict.

State vs. Earl McKee and D. C. McKee, disturbing the peace. Continued. Eidson vs. Lincoln, damages. Plaintiff required to deposit \$75 as cost bond.

State vs. A. A. Huffmann, poisoning a cow; continued.

State vs. Ben Howard, shooting a cow. Trial by jury and verdict of not guilty. This case took the greater part of the day yesterday and was stubbornly fought on both sides.

State vs. C. W. Meyer, assault. Plea of guilty to common assault, and Court imposed a fine of \$25.

State vs. John Crocker, assault. Both sides reporting ready, the jury was empaneled and the trial proceeded.

The final naturalization papers were issued to L. D. Billnitzer.

Mrs. C. Welpuetz returned yesterday from Dawson Springs, where she has been visiting for several weeks.

Mrs. Welpuetz states that she had an enjoyable trip and returns much improved in health.

Al Jaynes and Joe Bunch departed this morning for a short business trip in St. Louis.

Roy Jaynes returned yesterday from Dawson Springs, where he has been spending a short vacation. Clay Lutz, who was with him, stopped off in Charleston to join Mrs. Lutz who, with Mrs. C. L. Sander, is visiting friends and relatives in that city.

J. W. Houston of Irondale transacted business in this city yesterday.

A. G. Elmore of St. Louis is visiting friends in the Cape.

R. L. Wilcox of Parma came to the Cape on a business trip yesterday.

Mrs. J. P. Rogers of Walnut Ridge, Ark., is visiting friends in this city.

Ben Healy, the popular ball player, who has been with the Cape during the greater part of the season, has severed his connection with that team and departed for his home in St. Louis yesterday.

Ethel Bottom and Carrie Wallace of East St. Louis are visiting friends in this city.

G. R. Turner of Bloomfield passed through the Cape this morning on his way home from St. Louis, where he recently disposed of a shipment of fat cattle.

## MASKED BANDIT FLEES AS VICTIM DRAWS WEAPON

### Nick Harnes Puts Man To Flight When Confronted On Culvert

### THRUSTS LIGHT IN FACE OF HIGHWAYMAN

### Thinks Thief Was Man He Knew But Kierchief Prevented Identification

A lone bandit, with features concealed by a red bandana handkerchief drawn about the lower part of his face, attempted to intercept Nick Harnes Tuesday night at 11 o'clock as he was crossing the large stone culvert on North Sprigg street.

Mr. Harnes conducts the Broadway Pool Room and was on his way home in Marble City Heights, after closing his business for the day.

The read at that particular point is rather dark and lonesome and no better spot could be selected for the perpetration of a robbery.

As the intended victim approached the culvert he saw a man rise up from the shadows and step out into the road. Drawing closer, he discovered that the stranger was disguised in some manner and he at once became suspicious.

When within almost striking distance of the suspected outlaw, Mr. Harnes suddenly thrust a light into his face, and with the other hand produced his revolver, with which he kept the man covered until he had walked past.

Mr. Harnes stood still and watched him until he had gone quite a distance, when he suddenly darted into the shadows and disappeared from sight.

It is believed that some one familiar with Mr. Harnes' daily habits, believing that he carried his night cash receipts home with him, had arranged to rob him as he journeyed homeward in the dark.

With the aid of the flashlight Mr. Harnes could see plainly that the man was using a handkerchief for a mask, but was unable to recognize his features.

### AUTO PARTY STRUGGLES THROUGH MUD AND RAIN

An automobile party composed of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Teichman and children, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lawler and daughter, and Mrs. Lilly Orrell, returned to their homes in this city yesterday from St. Louis, where they have been visiting for several days.

On their journey to St. Louis they report an ideal trip, but on their return they met with many unpleasant difficulties.

Tuesday they traveled all day in the rain and mud, and on account of the condition of the road were compelled to stop over in Sparta, Ill., until the storm abated.

After reaching Chester they crossed the river and came down on the Missouri side where they found the roads much better than in Illinois. They arrived in the Cape late Wednesday afternoon.

### NEGRO'S HAND CRUSHED.

Christopher Columbus Badly Hurt On Dredge Barge.

Yesterday afternoon a colored laborer, Christopher Columbus, employed on the dredge barge working along the river front, was caught by some falling timbers, suffering painful and serious injury.

While the carpenters were endeavoring to remove some temporary scaffolding, the entire structure fell and the negro, in attempting to ward off one of the heavy timbers, was struck across the hand.

The back of his hand was cut badly and the bones were so crushed that when taken to the office of Dr. H. L. Cunningham, the surgeon found it necessary to remove the forefinger, including the bone back to the wrist joint.

The injured man is a stranger in the city, having come here to work on the river front improvement.

After receiving the necessary treatment he returned to his boarding house in the south section of the city where he is reported to be resting easy.

### STOLEN MONEY IS RESTORED.

Louis Housen, the painter who was robbed of \$3 while working in the Lincoln public school building a few days ago, recovered \$2 of the stolen money yesterday afternoon, and was promised the remaining dollar some time today.

When the loss was first discovered, suspicion was directed to a negro boy, Sammy Perkins, who was seen in the room where the workman had left his coat, on the afternoon of the theft.

Sammy protested his innocence when confronted, but when threatened with severe punishment if the coin was not produced within a specified time, he lost his nerve and fearing arrest, he confessed yesterday, implicating two other boys, who also admitted that they were guilty. Two of them paid one dollar each and the other promised faithfully to produce his share today.

## PIONEER MULE SPLATTERS JOKER

### Animal That Was Playful of Speck Davis Resents Monkey Business

When Speck Davis returned Saturday evening from the Home Corners' reunion, where he had gone to mingle with his childhood friends from the northern section of the county, he fairly bubbled with joy.

He had not only met most of his old-time companions, but had brought home with him the little red mule for which he had always possessed a yearning, and which was presented to him as a token of friendship from an old friend and neighbor, who lived adjoining the farm on which Speck was born.

The little mule was born about the same time that Speck made his first appearance, and as children some 30 years ago, they would kick each other and romp and gambol over the farms on which they lived, and no fence could stop either of them.

Their habits were alike, both were red complexioned, and in fact many strangers mistook them for twins.

In the meantime the senior Davis sold his farm, and concluded to call his lot in this city. Naturally Speck came with him, and from that day until last Saturday the two old chums were separated.

When they met in Jackson the recognition was mutual, and the owner of the little red mule was so touched with the scene that he released all his right, title and equity in and to said little red mule unto Speck, his heirs and assigns forever.

In the years that passed Speck developed into a big broad shouldered man, but the little mule never grew an inch or gained a pound.

But he developed a knockout punch in either heel and a disposition to force the fighting with any one except Speck.

Speck's wife refused to have the mule in the house, so a nice airy stall with plenty of soft bedding was engaged at Charley Birkman's livery stable.

The little mule carries a brush that would arouse the envious feelings of any red fox, and when one of the assistants attempted to play a trick on Speck and his mule by trimming said caudal appendage with the clippers Sunday morning, the joker disappeared through a suddenly formed aperture, exactly his size, and shape in the side of the barn, and search parties are still looking for him.

Yesterday afternoon arrangements were made to go squirrel hunting. Several members of the party secured conveyances from Mr. Birkman but Speck insisted on going along with the little red mule, which he hitched to a specially provided cart.

It was understood that the destination of the entire party would be in the woods on Benton Hill.

After leaving the barn, nothing more was seen of the two old cronies, until some members of the party returning to the team in the late afternoon, discovered Speck's hitching place where the little red mule which they first mistook for a fox squirrel was quietly sleeping on a large extending limb, with the cart dangling like a pendulum from his body.

When one of the hunters fired his gun in the air, the startled sleeper toppled off the limb on the side opposite the cart, and was struggling frantically when Speck appeared on the scene.

Speck was so incensed when he learned the cause of the trouble that he ordered them all to leave him to overcome the difficulty alone.

The party arrived in the city shortly after dark, but at the time of going to press, Speck and his little red mule were still among the missing.

ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP BANK.

London, Aug. 26.—"An attempt to blow up one of the chief London banks," says the Evening News, "has led to an official warning to all banks to examine thoroughly upon delivery all deep boxes deposited with them."

"A harmless looking deep box was presented at a London bank for deposit in the strong room. A sharp ear caught an ominous ticking and an infernal machine was discovered in the box."

Low Wages Paid in England.

Wages of English farm workers are highest in the northern counties, but even there the weekly pay of horse men is only \$5.27; cattle men, \$5.25; shepherds, \$5.72; and ordinary laborers, \$4.97.

Attitude and Art.

Fewer people nowadays pretend to be reading when they get their pictures taken. Still, there are those who think art is wanting—Attention Globe.